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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

TITLE, SERIES, AND GRADE

Trademark Attorney
GS-0905-13/14/15
Full Performance Level GS-15
One or more positions may be filled
Excepted Service
Work Schedule: Full Time
Salary Range: \$77,353-\$139,774
Non Bargaining unit position

VACANCY LOCATION

Patent and Trademark Office
Office of the Deputy General Counsel
Office of the Solicitor
Alexandria, VA

AREA OF CONSIDERATION

All US Citizens and
DOC Surplus, Displaced Employees in
local commuting area.

DUTIES:

Incumbent's primary duties include: (i) representing the USPTO in federal court litigation (including in the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, district courts throughout the United States, and assisting the Department of Justice in certain USPTO-related cases before the U.S. Supreme Court); (ii) providing policy advice on trademark-related matters to senior management; (iii) assisting the Director of Enrollment and Discipline in enrollment and disciplinary matters (including prosecuting registered practitioners accused of violating the disciplinary rules); and (iv) performing various administrative tasks as assigned. Work requires extensive research and analysis. Incumbent must have excellent analytical and writing skills since primary work product is in written form (e.g., briefs, court pleadings, memos, etc.). As the lead attorney on a particular case or policy issue, the incumbent is responsible for the analysis of legal and factual issues, the development of the strategy to deal with these issues, and the content of the completed analysis of these issues. The incumbent typically deals with the senior management of the agency as well as the attorneys for other private and public organizations.

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Applicant must have a Law degree from an accredited college or university **AND** current **bar membership** in good standing of the bar of any state, District of Columbia, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or any territory of the United States.

- If you meet the minimum qualifications required, you will then be evaluated on the basis of the quality and depth of your education, work experience, and other activities. **Applicants must have at least one (1) year post-J.D. Federal court law clerk experience or at least three (3) years experience in intellectual property litigation, or at least three (3) years of trademark experience in the USPTO** to successfully perform the duties of the position of Trademark Attorney in the Office of Solicitor. Examples of Specialized experience include a federal court law clerkship or intellectual property litigation including trademark or copyright litigation. To meet GS-13, the experience must have been equivalent to the GS-12 level in the federal service. For GS-14, the experience must have been equivalent to the GS-13 level in the federal service. For GS-15, the experience must have been equivalent to the GS-14 level in the federal service. Status applicants considered under Merit Program Procedures are subject to time-in-grade requirements.

How To Apply - SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:

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1. Candidates may submit a resume, SF-171, Application for Federal Employment, **or** an OF-612.
2. Most recent supervisory appraisal and a recent copy of a SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action (**Federal** employees).
3. Vacancy announcement number, position title and grade level(s) you are applying for must be recorded on the application.
4. **A copy of transcripts showing bachelor degree and law degree from an accredited college/university and proof of current bar membership.**
5. **Two (2) writing samples.**

To be considered, applications must be received in the USPTO, Office of Human Resources, by the closing date.

FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION CALL:

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MAILING ADDRESS:

US Patent and Trademark Office
Mail Stop 171
Office of Human Resources
P.O. Box 1450
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WHERE TO APPLY IN PERSON:

US Patent and Trademark Office
Office of Human Resources
Elizabeth Townhouse
Customer Service Center, 1a79
550 Elizabeth Lane
Alexandria, VA 22314



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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

ALL QUALIFIED APPLICANTS WILL BE CONSIDERED REGARDLESS OF AGE, RACE COLOR, SEX, CREED, NATIONAL ORIGIN, LAWFUL POLITICAL AFFILIATION, NON-DISQUALIFYING HANDICAP, MARITAL STATUS, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, AFFILIATION WITH AN EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION, OR OTHER NON-MERIT FACTOR.

I. REGARDLESS OF WHICH APPLICATION FORM/FORMAT IS USED, APPLICANTS SHOULD ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING:

1. **The announcement number, title and grade of the position for which you are applying.**
2. **Personal information**
 - a. Full name, mailing address (including ZIP Code), home and work telephone numbers (including area codes)
 - b. Social security number
 - c. Country of citizenship
 - d. Veteran's preference: If you wish to claim 5-point veterans preference or if you are applying under the Veterans Readjustment Appointment provisions, you must include dates of military service and a copy of each Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, DD-214. If you are claiming 10-point veterans preference, you must also include SF-15 and the appropriate proof required by that form.
 - e. Competitive status: if you are a current or former Federal employee, and if the announcement is open to status applicants only or if you wish to be considered as a status applicant, you must submit a copy of your SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action, which shows you have status.
 - f. Veterans who are preference eligible or who have been separated from the armed forces with honorable conditions after 3 years or more of continuous active service may apply. (Under merit promotion procedures.)
 - g. Highest federal civilian grade held, including job series and dates held.
3. **Education**
 - a. High school - name, city, state and ZIP Code (if known) and date you received diploma or GED.
 - b. Colleges and universities - name, city, state and ZIP Code (if known), majors(s), type(s) of degree(s) received and date(s) received. If you did not receive a degree, show total credits earned and indicate whether semester or quarter hours. Submit copies of undergraduate and/or graduate transcripts if the announcement specifies minimum education requirements, if you are qualifying based on allowable substitution of education for experience or if you are qualifying based on Superior Academic Achievement (see the announcement for details).
4. **Job-Related Work Experience (Paid and Non paid)**
 - a. Job title (include series and grade if Federal)
 - b. Duties and accomplishments
 - c. Employer's name and address
 - d. Supervisor's name and telephone number
 - e. Starting and ending dates (month and year)
 - f. Hours per week,
 - g. Salary
 - h. Indicate if we may contact your current supervisor.
5. **Other Qualifications**
 - a. Job-related training courses (title and year)
 - b. Job-related skills (i.e., other languages, computer hardware/software, tools machinery, etc.)
 - c. Typing and/or stenography speed
 - d. Job-related certificates and licenses (current only). Do not send copies unless required in the announcement.
 - e. Job-related honors, awards and special accomplishments (i.e., publications, memberships in professional or honor societies, leadership activities, public speaking, performance awards, etc.) Give dates but do not send documents unless requested.

II. CTAP/ICTAP

1. CTAP candidates must apply for the vacancy, submit proof of eligibility for CTAP consideration, have a current performance rating of record of at least fully successful or the equivalent, and be within the Washington, D.C. Commuting area.

III. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Applications mailed in Government franked envelopes will not be considered.
2. Applications submitted by telefax will not be considered.
3. Applications submitted by email will not be considered.
4. Applications submitted by mail with a postmark of on or before the closing date of this announcement will be considered only if received in the USPTO, Office of Human Resources, by the closing date.
5. Applicants must meet all eligibility requirements by the closing date of the vacancy announcement.
6. Applicants must be citizens of the United States (or owe allegiance to the United States).
7. Applicants with disabilities, disabled veterans, or any other applicants eligible for non-competitive appointment under special appointing authorities not requiring competitive status should clearly specify their special eligibility on their application.
8. If selected, male applicants born after December 31, 1959, must confirm their selective service registration status. Certification forms are available at most Federal agency personnel offices or from the U.S. Office of Personnel Management.
9. Applications will not be returned to applicants.
10. Applicants will receive notification of the outcome of a vacancy announcement as soon as possible after a selection is made.
11. If a vacancy is for a supervisory or managerial position, the selectee may have to serve a supervisory/managerial probationary period.
12. If a vacant position is filled at a grade below the full performance level, the selectee may be promoted without further competition. However, this implies no promise or guarantee of promotion.

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- 13. Qualification requirements in the vacancy announcement are based on OPM Qualifications Standards for General Schedule positions.
- 14. Privacy Act requirements (PL 93-579): the application forms prescribed are used to determine qualification for promotion, reassignment, or employment and are authorized under Title 5, U.S.C. sections 3302 and 3360.
- 15. Candidates outside of the USPTO who are referred for consideration will be required to complete the Declaration for Federal Employment, OF-306.
- 16. For any vacancy, employees of the Department of Commerce may be considered before other applicants.
- 17. Relocation expenses will not be covered.

The United States Patent and Trademark Office will provide reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. If a reasonable accommodation is needed for any part of the application process, please notify the human resources representative identified under the 'How To Apply' section of this announcement. Decisions on reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis.